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York, Sept. 2 .- The governsotton crop condition report. teday, proved the lowest on but caused only a moderate which was not fully sustainto market closing steady at gain of only 3 to 6 points.

The market opened steady at a of 6 to 9 points on better cathan expected and showed little during the morning, when was quiet and generally in way of a further evening-up for ver the condition figures.

Just before the government report was bound January contracts were around 12.47 and the best reported later was 12.60, iles of about 13 poirts and a net dvance of 20 points from the closing figures of last night. Possibly the proach of the three-day adjournat-over Labor day-restricted aupport to some extent. During the late trading prices gradually d off to within 2 or 3 points of might's finals, with January closme at 12.45 bid, or only 5 points net The lowest September bupreviously on record was dition was only 1 13.7 pe

and 73.5 per cent, the ten average. Considering the ren in acreage, as compared with year, the figures may be made bards of very bullish mathematial conclusions regarding the probble size of the crop, and after midy many bullish cables were received from abroad regarding the prospects for future supplies. The day's weather news showed no special feature. Southern spot markets were 1-16c higher to 1-8c lower.

Receipts at the ports today 11,314 bales against 7,182 last week and 1, 981 last year. For the week 65,000 bales against 34,709 last week and 19,382 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 30 bales against 636 last cer, and at Houston 6,967 against 5.978 baleslastyear.

Most cotton closed quiet 10 points higher; middling uplands 12.80; middling gulf 13.05; sales 30 bales. Futures opened steady and closed

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

sion in Business Activity and Contraction in Fattures.

New York, Sept. 3 .- R. G. Dunn & Co's weekly review of trade tomor row will say:

Expansion in volume of business and contraction in business disaster characterized the month of August. asually one of the most inactive of the fear, and this marks the situation on the eve of the fall season.

Reports for the current week confirm reports for the whole of the past month. " avy buying, both for immediate and for 1910 consumption, continues in the iron and steel trade. The higher cost of materials is one of the features of the situation, which work for conservatism, but as the revival of activity has taken place in spite of other adverse conditions, it ignores this development.

Hesitation in cotton goods and yarns was noted in the primary markets, and difficulty is still experienced in securing prices for manufactured in any other direction when you stand products commensurate with the increased cost of raw material. South ern yarn mills are curtailing until prices become more profitable. Wholesale dry goods houses have had a very

substantial volume of business of late Former dullness noted in the footwear market continues unabated, buyers holding off. The leather market

Sonny Williams who made

### The Waterburan and Southron, COOK DESCRIBES HIS JOURNEY

"NOTHING TO SEE BUT ICE, ICE," AT THE POLE, HE SAYS.

He Hated to Leave, but Was Forced by the Cold to Move on-"As I Sitting at the Pole I Could not Help Smiling at the People. who, on My Return, Would Call the Whole Expedition a Humbug."

London, Sept. 3 .- A special dispatch received here from Skagen

"As the steamer, Hansegede steamed by I caught through my glasses a vision of a small man in a dark suit and peaked cap stading his eyes with his hands, as if straining to see the welcome civilization after years in ley exile. It was Dr. Cook, the explorer, whose name is on every tongue. He was chatting with the captain on the bridge, now smiling, now waving his hand. I was allowed to board the Hansegede.

"Somebody gave Dr. Cook a bouquet. Tears dimmed his eyes as he buried his face in their fragrance. It's years since I have seen flowers. said the explorer with a quiver emotion in his voice.

"When he smuled one noticed the loss of two teeth. 'A fight with a Polar bear did that,' he said.

"You can tell the world,' the explorer continued, 'that I am in bet'er condition than at any time and look forward with an appetite to the festivities that are promised me. My dinner has been poor these last few ears and I shall have to make up for

"Dr. Cook then briefly described his journey. Regarding his discovery he

"Then came April 21. That was the great day. We looked for the sun. As soon as we got it I made several observations. Great joy came from the desired spot. I said to myen. Built for Frederick, went on.

"The last stretch was the easiest I ever made in my life, although I had till to make two observations and the ice was very broken here. But my spirits were high and I shouted like a boy. The Eskimos looked at one another, surprised at my gayety. They did not share my joy.

"I felt that I ought to be there. I made my last observation and found that I was standing on the pole.

"'My feelings? Well, I was too tired really to feel any sensation, I planted the Stars and Stripes in the ice field, and my heart grew warm when I saw it wave in the wind.

"How does the North Pole look?" was asked.

"'Well,' said Dr. Cook, smiling, 'it amounts to the size of a twenty-five cent piece. There is nothing to see but ice, ice; no water, only ice. There were more holes here than at the 87th degree, which shows there is more movement and drifft here; but this and other observations I made afterwards-when I got more settled. stopped two days at the pole, and I assure you it wasn't easy to say goodbye to the spot.

"As I was sitting at the pole I could not help smiling at the people, who, on my return, would call the whole expedition a humbug. I was sure the people would say that 1 bought my two witnesses, and that my note book with my daily observations had been manufactured on board this ship.

"The only thing I can put against this is what the York Eskimos have told Knud Rasmussen. Let the sceptics who disbelieve my story go to the North Pole. There they will find a small brass tube, which I buried uader the flag. That tube contains a short statement about my trip. could not leave my visiting card, because I did not happen to have one

"'Perhaps,' the explorer added dryly, 'I should have stayed there longer had it not begun to freeze us in our idleness. The Eskimos were uneasy and the dogs howled fearfully. On At last we got ashore again, but we April 23, therefore, I again turned my had no tuel and were obliged to ext rose southward, which was much easier, as you cannot turn your nose at the pole.

Describing the return journey, Dr. Cook said:

miles per day until we reached the ominous 87th degree. Then I felt the ice moving eastward, carrying us Dr. Cook as saying in conclusion; with it. A terrible fog swept round us and kept us for three weeks. We provisions stores at Etah was a great-

#### DISPENSARIES TO OPEN.

TEST.

Dispensaries in Aiken to Remain Closed Until the County Board Takes Some Evidence, the Admission of Which Was Denied at the County Hearing.

Columbia, Sept. 3 .- The dispensaries in Florence County will open up at once as a result of the hearing before the State Board of Canvassers today. The dispensaries in Aiken will remain closed until the County Board of Canvassers takes some evidence which was refused when the case was heard before that body. The board was in session all day. There was present Attorney General Lyon, who acted as chairman; State Treasurer Jennings, Secretary of State McCown, Comptroller General Jones and Representative K. P. Smith, of Anderson, who is chairman of the house committee on privileges and elections. Adjt. Gen. Boyd was absent.

The Florence and Aiken cases were argued at length, there being a number present on both sides. Representing the Florence Prohibitionists were J. P. McNell, of Florence, and L. D. Jennings, of Sumter. The dispensary side was represented by W. F. Clayton.

#### A WOMAN KILLED.

Mrs, C. C. Bigham Accidentally Slain Near Georgetown.

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 5 .- Mistaking her for a Jurglar, William Avant. a prominent planter of Georgetown county; last night shot and instantly killed Mrs. C. C. Bigham, who had accompanied her husband, a physician of Harpers, a small town in the same county, on a professional visit to Avant's home, "Sunny Side" planover us. We were only sixteen miles tation, on Murrell's inlet. Dr. Bigham and Mr. Avant were sitting on the front porch of Avant's home after supper when they saw in the darkness a figure pass the house and go towards a mearby creek. Not being answered when they hailed, they got a shotgun and followed. They saw the figure apparently crouch near the creek bank, and hearing no reply when they called, Avant asked Dr. Bigham what he should do.

"Shoot It," said Bigham, and Avant fired both barrels at close range. Running back to the house they secured a light and returned to the creek bank to find Mrs. Bigham stretched there dead, the contents of both barrets having taken effect in her back, even the gun wads having penetrated her

Avant carried the news to Georgetown and accompanied the deputy sheriff and coroner back to Murrell's

The Kings Mountain Mongaren be unveiled October 7. The Southern road will put on cheap rates for the occassion.

water and tower-high screw ice which stopped our way eastward.

"We now began to suffer hunger Our provisions were becoming exhausted, and we were unable to find depots. We entered Ringnesland and on June 20 found the first animals on our return-bears and seals. We shot

"And now our goal was the whalers at Lancaster Sound. We followed the drift ice to the south eighty miles a day, but was stopped by pack ice in Wellington Channel, which was impassable either by boat or sledge. Here was lots of game, but we did not dare shoot it. We had only taken a hundred bullets to the pole, and now only tifteen were left. We went into Jones' Sound after walrus and bears, and found open, calm water. We met Polar wolves, with which some of our dogs made friends and ran away.

"Now we spent day and night in an open boat ten miles from shore. This lasting for two months while storms often raged over our heads. birds raw. One day we found fuel and what a feast we had. But we suffered much hunger during this period. One night a bear came and stele our food. We had many fights with musk oxen, which attacked us " Fortune now smiled. We did 29 Our best weapon against them was the lasso.' '

The correspondent's story quotes

"'Say that the day we reached our bedside. Ringnesland, where we found open thank God I am back."

STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS DATA ABOUT RED SHIRT COM- BELIEF IN EXCESS OF LAST CROP FOUNTAIN INN WILL MAKE AN-PANIES OF 1876.

> Mr. Tescott, Historian of Red Shirt Association, Makes a Statement.

> Mr. E. A. Trescott, of Pendleton who was elected historian of the Red Shirt association at the meeting there last week, has sent the Anderson Daily Mail the following for publica-

> In view of the fact that it will be impossible, just at this time, for the deretary and historian of the State organisation of the Red Shirt men of 1876, to communicate directly with each member of the various companies, or clubs throughout the State, as also those members who since that time made their homes in other States, the newspapers which ave shown such an interest in all at pertained to the acts and deeds f those men who did so much for heir State in 1876, are kindly asked to call attention to the following resolutions, which among others, was passed during the recent State convention and reunion at Ander-

"That any office or member of any bona fide red shirt company throughout the State, be required to send to the secretary of the State organization the names of all members of the various original red shirt compames or clubs, that existed throughout the State at that time-1876.

Attention is also asked to Article 5 of the by-laws recently adopted, and which reads:

"The historian shall transcribe in a suitable book, all information that he may obtain from reliable sources. relating to the patriotic services of the "Red Shirt" companies of '76, in order that the same may become a part of the established history of that State, which was unfortunately, heretofore, been so much neglected." A solution was also passed at conclusion of the speeches at Beuna Vista Park, which in part reads as

That in order to prepare the materials for the true history of the reconstruction era, that all those interested and who are in possession of facts connected with race conflicts or Radical regime in South Carolina, be requested to write, clear, brief sketches , giving the facts in connection herewith."

Now it goes without saying, that it will be almost impossible for the secretary and historian, to collect such data or material without the aid and assistance of the members of the various original red shirt companies or clubs throughout the State, as also that of such members as may now reside out of the State.

Mr. Trescot will therefore appreclate any historical material in the shape of reminiscences, recollections etc., of events of that eventful period which may be used in the preparation of an authentic history of the efforts of the Red Shirts in 1876 to redeem the State from misrule. Such data will be carefully preserved by the secretary and historian, just as received, and, made use of at the proper time as a part of a complete and authentic history of that period, or, as individual recollections, reminiscenses etc.

Governor John C. Shepherd Judge Robt. Aldrich and Senator B. R. Tillman, all three of whom were speakers at the recent annual State caven on and remion at Anderson and whose specches contained much valunble l'storical information retrive to events of the period in question, have consented to prepare copies of their speeches and send same to the secretary and historian. It is therefore hoped that the example set by these distinguished gentlemen, will be followed by all the individual members of the various original red shirt companies or clubs of 1876, who may have reminiscenses or recollections of events or occurrences of that eventful campaign, which are worthy of preservation and will send the same, as soon as possible, to the seretary and historian.

#### CLYDE FITCH DEAD.

Chalons Sur Marne, Sept. 4 .- Clyde unconscious since 3 c'clock in the afternoon. The doctors and his friends, Eugene Gauthier, were present at the

Death was due to appendicitis, foilied.

# GUTTUN TENDING TO DECLINE.

HAS WEAKENING INFLUENCE.

Despite Several Bullish Reports as to The Size of the Crop, There Has Been a Reaction Due to the Expectation That the Present Crop Will Be Supplemented by a Held-Over Surplus.

New York, Sept. 3,-A general belief that the crop is deteriorating caused an advance at one time with rather spirited buying by New Orleans, Memphis and other intersts even if the speculation has continued to be ignored by the general public. Taken as a whole the trading has been professional. Various bullish private reports, giving the condition of the crop at from 64.1 to 68.7 per cent led the bulk of the cotton trade to look for a government report or. the second instant of about 65 per cent, as against a ten year average for September of about 73.6 per cent.

The report actually gave the condition at 63.7 per cent. against 71.9 per cent last month, 76.1 last year, 72.7 in 1907, with a crop of 11,370,000 bales; 77.3 in 1906, with a crop of 13,511,000 bales, and 72.1 in 1905, when the crop was 11,346,000 bales. Thus it will be seen that the official report exceeded even the most radical in point of bullishness. It is the lowest September condition on record, the nearest approach being 64.0 in 1902.

A tendency towards some reaction was noticed when January touched 12.58 early in the week. According to some bulls crops had been pretty well discounted. Talk to the effect that short stapled cotton might be sent in considerable quantities from Texas for delivery on contracts here had some effect. Also after a rise of about 80 points there was some natural disposition to realize the profits Senate street, Columbia, by way of on the eve of the Labor Day Loliday. Congaree river, and up to Camden by Spinners have not bought heavily.

Bears still insist that there is still every likelihood of a large crop movement in the near future whatever the actual size of the crop, and that the effect on prices can hardly fall to be for the time being at least depress-

According to some advances the large spinners' takings from the last crop were not all consumed, and the rise in cotton goods has not been commensurate with the advance in the price of the raw material. The last crop was the largest ever known, reaching, according to the New York figures, 13,817,516 bales. Probably the actual yield exceeded 14,000,000 bales. This means that a large surplus has been carried over into the new season. This will do much towards making good any deficiency

in the present crop. Speculation for a rise had received several severe setbacks this season. The pace during May and June was too rapid to last. It has been a chasof \$6 a bale. Meantime, however, the consensus among many experienced cotton people is that ultimately prices are bound to reach a much higher level. While estimates of the crop range from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 bales, and the world's consumption is estimated at 13,000,000 bales or over. bears figure in some cases that the surplus carried over from laast season will be large enough to give am-

ple supply. Following the issuance of the bureau report, showing a condition even lower than the most extravagant claims of the bulls, there was a rise of roundly a dozen points, but at that juncture the stiffest kind of opposition was met and subsequently the bear crowd raideds the market with almost unparalleled ferocity, throw ing cotton on the market in such blocks as to more than satisfy the demand, and finally causing prices to relinquish what they had gained.

Late in the week an advance of roundly ten points was established on general short covering, and buying by New Orleans, Memphis and Liverpool. Wall street houses continued to sell as well as the prominent interests who had been identified with the bear drive after the government report. Liverpool was stronger than expected and sent various stimulating cables. It was still hot and dry in the southwest and complaints of drought were Fitch, the American playwright, died also received from east of the Misat 9:30 this evening. He had been sissippi. Advices from the South also alluded to heavy spot sales. Fall River mills were said to be among the

Swiss fire toads act as perfect ba get no further than the 84th degree, er day than April 21. I long to get lowing an operation. Mr. Fitch was rometers. If kept in glass jats con- his collar bone broken in the same Then began a heavy walk towards back to civilization, to move among stricken with an acute attack while taining water and a ladder, they will accident. his Helbergs Land and another three my fellow men; I long to press my traveling from Germany and upon his climb up the ladder when the weathescape from the jail at Bennettsville weeks of fog. When that cleared I wife to my heart. I am the happiest arrival here underwent an operation, er is to be wet, and previous to dry several days ago, was captured in saw we had drifted southwest to man living. Tell the whole world I from which he only temporarily ral- weather will stay snugly in their wat- Pass in Camden was damaged by ery homes.

## MORE NEW COUNTIES.

OTHER TRY.

Government Will Continue Work On Santee and Congaree Rivers-Other News Collected in Columbia.

Columbia, Sept. 4.-Politics being the breath of life to the average South Carolinian, a number of new county schemes may be expected to revive shortly, to fill in with pleasurable excitement the hiatus between the liquor election of last month and the various regular elections of next summer. The first new county proposition to show signs of renewed life is that which proposes the formation of a county with Fountain Inn as the county seat, from portions of Greenville and Laurens counties.

"I can't swear I've never stolen," said a Confederate veteran, when he came up to be sworn by the registration supervisors in Orangeburg, last week. "I can't take that oath," he went on, "unless you allow me to skip the Civil War period. Those times I stole, cheerfully and often; had to, to live." The registration supervisor granted him the desired certificate, saying he didn't think 'foraging" could rightly be accounted stealing.

Capt. E. M. Adams, engineer corps. U. S. A., the officer in charge of river and harbor work in this district, informs the Columbia Chamber of Commerce that the chief of engineers will recommend the continued improvement of the Santee and Congaree rivers, with the following channels in contemplation:

From Winyah Bay to Santee river, via the Estherville-Minim Creek canal, a depth of six feet and a width of 100 feet. From Santee river up to way of Wateree river, channel depths of four feet at low awter.

The report also recomemnds that the crest of the Granby dam at Columbia be raised two feet. This is to fornish an ample head of water at the Senate street landing. The job will cost about \$30,000, the channel work below about \$150,000.

Commissioner Watson believes, as does the Chamber of Commerce, that the recommendations will be adopted and the rapid development of navigation on the Congaree and Wateree thus assured. The company which has been operating a vessel betweens Columbia and Georgetown expects to bond itself this month to buy a second?

. . . William McKinley, a diminutive darkey, admitted to Recorder Stanley today that he entered a dwelling. in the city with the intention of stealing anything he might take a fancy to, but after looking around inside, saw nothing he liked especially, so tened market since the first big slump left without stealing a single thing, He got 60 days.

> Supt. E. S. Dreher of the Columbia public schools, has been in a hospital at Biltmore, N. C., since July 17, suffering from a nervous break-down, but the schools will open as usual Sept. 20. Many children must be denied admission, however, until the new building at Senate and Pickens streets can be completed.

SMOTHERED IN HEAP OF COT-TON.

Negro Infant Burrowed Too Deep and Was Suffocated.

Darlington, Sept. 5 .- Coroner R. G. Parnell was called out to Mr. J. K. Parrott's place, about five miles from Darlington, this morning to view the remains of a negro child, about one and one-half years old. It seems that since the cotton picking season has opened the family have been sleeping on the cotton piled up in one of the rooms. This child, becoming chilly during the night, scratched deeper into the little hole bed it had made tosleep in and the hole became to deep and the child smothered to death. The family did not know of its deaths until time to get up this morning.

#### POLE KILLS WORKMAN.

Greenville, Sept. 4 .- Luther Fisher, a workman in the employ of the Southern Power Co., by a falling pole and instantly killed this afternoon in an accident which occured about two miles from Green

fire. Loss \$5,000.